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| 1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT<br><i>DX</i> DURCHANSKY, Ferdinand<br>Slovak Separatist Leader | 2. DATE SUBMITTED<br>9 July 1952 |
| 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.<br>CIC Salzburg DAR 7120   |                                  |
| Ref. No. S-14198 CET/par   |                                  |

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

The following information was submitted to this Agent on 1 July 1952 by Informant 3780 (Evaluation: "B"), who obtained the material from personal observation.

(Information: 3)

On 30 June 1952 this Agent directed Informant 3780 to attend a lecture delivered by SUBJECT, former Foreign Affairs Minister of Slovakia from 1939 to 1945, currently the leader of a group of Slovak refugees who are strong adherents to the formation of a separate Slovak state. This lecture was given before members and invited guests of the Salzburg Press Club on the subject, "Problems of the Eastern Emigration" (Probleme Der (stemigration). The lecture was scheduled for 2030 hours, 30 June 1952 at the premises of the Salzburg Press Club located at Sigmund Rappner Gasse 16; however, the meeting was delayed by the late arrival of the Club chairman, Dr. Gustav CANAVAL, chief editor of the daily publication, Salzburger Nachrichten, who introduced SUBJECT to the audience at approximately 2115 hours.

Subsequently, SUBJECT delivered an informal address of approximately 45 minutes duration setting forth the following major theses:

a. SUBJECT identified himself as the leader of the expatriate Slovak separatist organization, "Slovak Liberation Committee" (Slovensky Oslobodzovaci Vybor), established for the purpose of combating Soviet as well as Czech influence in Slovakia and with the aim of striving for creation of an independent Slovak national state. In order to substantiate his antagonism toward the incorporation of Slovakia in a unified Czechoslovak state, SUBJECT cited a detailed list of the allegedly erroneous policies, commitments and pro-Soviet compromises of the leading Czech politicians during the past ten years, who unwittingly or knowingly contributed to the extension of total Soviet control over Czechoslovakia beginning with the Moscow agreement of Eduard BENES in October 1943.

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b. SUBJECT stated that his organization stood in sharp opposition to the Council of Free Czechoslovakia (Rada Svobodneho Ceskoslovenska). (Agent's Note: An expatriate Czech political organization, believed to enjoy the support of the US Department of State, headed by Dr. Peter ZENKL, former mayor of Prague, with headquarters in Washington, D.C.).

c. SUBJECT advanced it as his major political principle that since no treaty was concluded with the Slovak National Government after the last world war, the Slovak Government still existed in international law and should be considered the rightful successor to the present Soviet-dominated regime in Czechoslovakia. With this concept in view, SUBJECT stated his rejection of the Slovak constitutional plebiscite advocated by the expatriate leader Karol SIDOR and his Slovak National Council in Exile (Slovenska Narodna Rada v Exilu).

d. SUBJECT announced his preparedness to enter into negotiations with General PRCHALA (Agent's Note: Former exile in the United Kingdom, currently heading a Czech refugee organization in the US Zone of Germany) for the purpose of establishing a joint political platform.

e. SUBJECT stated that he was opposed to abrupt unification of eastern European countries (after their liberation from Soviet rule) with any group of western European nations, and committed himself in favor of an inter-European tariff preference system.

f. SUBJECT assailed the Czech personnel of Radio Free Europe, describing them as collaborators of the Communist Czechoslovak government and he averred that financial subsidies extended by the Council of Free Europe to Czechoslovak expatriate organizations enabled these groups to rebut Slovak separatist attempts at a mutually acceptable compromise.

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In answer to several questions, preponderantly by Dr. Gustav CANAVEL, SUBJECT asserted that the Czech program directors of Radio Free Europe were "convenient opponents" for the present Czechoslovak regime since they had been implicated in many of its postwar measures; that approximately 80 per cent of all Slovak refugees were adherents of SUBJECT's group, 10 per cent followers of the Free Czechoslovakia Council and 10 per cent members of the SIDOR group; that Slovak separatists disowned all measures introduced against German ethnic groups in Slovakia by the postwar Czech Governments; and that, although the time has not yet arrived for active resistance against the present Czech regime, many Slovaks, driven into active opposition by strong Communist repression, seek refuge in the mountainous areas of Slovakia where they engage in sporadic guerrilla operations against government security forces.

FILE CHECK:

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain numerous references to Dr. Ferdinand DURCHANSKY (DURCANSKI) as the chairman of the Slovakian Action Committee (SAV); a former Foreign Minister of Slovakia; and a leader of Slovak expatriates in western Germany and Austria. (B-2)

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain numerous references to Dr. Gustav CANAVEL as Editor-in-Chief and publisher of the newspaper Salzburger Nachrichten; member of the Council of the Committee of Former Political Prisoners and Persecuted Persons; and an honorary member of the Board of Directors of the Cultural Group. (C-3)

AGENT REPORT, CIC, Sub-Detachment "A", dated 5 June 1952, (Ref. No. S-13704), Subject: KANTALOVSKY, Eugen, (Dr., Alleged Representative of (FEPS) Free Europe Press Service", states that Frantisek SIMACEK is the chief correspondent of the Czechoslovak section of Radio Free Europe in Salzburg.

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passage of SUBJECT's walk concerned with the rebuttal of Slovak diplomatic advances in 1944 by the president of Slovakia, Jozef TISO, appeared to be of interest since it revealed unwittingly that it was SUBJECT in person who attempted to establish confidential contact between unidentified Soviet representatives and the Slovak Chief of State.

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